

MEETING OF PRESS ASSOCIATION

Newspaper Men of Virginia
Gather in Staunton
Today

PRESIDENT'S SPEECH

This Year's Assembling Will, it is Be-
lieved, Eclipse Any Heretofore
Witnessed

Staunton, Va., July 25.—With a big
public meeting in the Beverley Theat-
re this morning at 11 o'clock, the an-
nual convention of the Virginia Press
Association came to order for its
first session, Albert Shultz, presi-
dent of the Business League of Staun-
ton, presiding.

Invocation was pronounced by the
Rev. A. M. Fraser, D. D., and Hon.
H. H. Wayt, mayor of Staunton, made
the address of welcome to the editors,
in which he said he turned over the
keys of the city to them and prom-
ised them the best time of their
lives. The response was made by
Robert S. Barrett, of this city, presi-
dent of the association, who delivered
the speech as set forth below.

A telegram received from Mr. Bar-
rett states that the opening of the
convention was very successful and
that it was prepared to have one of
the best conventions in the history
of the association. Governor Henry
C. Stuart, who was scheduled to make
an address this morning, wired that
he was unable to be present at the
last moment, and Lieut. Governor J.
Taylor Ellyson, spoke in his absence
this morning.

This afternoon at two a busi-
ness session was held in the ball-
room of the Virginia Hotel, and at
four o'clock the Blue Ridge Light
and Power Company was the host to
the members of the association on a
street car ride and a trip through
the company's plant. At five o'clock
at Gypsy Hill Park, a luncheon was
given to the publishers by the Vir-
ginia Hotel, during which a large
band furnished concert music.

At eight o'clock tonight the big
meeting of the day will take place,
when a public entertainment is slated
at the Beverley Theatre, at which
Secretary of the Navy Josephus Dan-
iels, Hon. John Barrett, director of
the Pan American Bureau, Mrs.
Kate Waller Barrett, Mrs. Kate Lan-
gley Boshier, Lieutenant Governor J.
Taylor Ellyson, Attorney General
John Garland Pollard, and Westmore-
land Davis, presidential elector, are
scheduled to speak.

The editors will remain in session
until Thursday night.

Following was the address deliv-
ered this morning by President R.
S. Barrett:

Staunton, Va., July 25.—Since the
last meeting of the Virginia Press
Association a year ago there has
been little of a domestic nature to
arouse the interest of the members
of the Association. Conditions within
the borders of the Old Dominion have
been tranquil and our people have
enjoyed a portion of the prosperity
which has swept the country from
ocean to ocean. With the prohibition
question definitely settled, the tax-
ation methods adjusted for the time
being, and with a year free from po-
litical contests of any import the
problems at home have not been such
as to worry the Virginia editor. He has
had the time to consider the questions
of world wide import which at times
have threatened the peace of his
country as well as those great prob-
lems of international nature, whose
settlement mean much to America.
And in the solutions of those problems
the editor, not alone as the moulder
of public opinion in his community,
but as the connecting link between
the great public and the men at the
head of affairs of state, has had to
bear his share of the burden imposed
by these foreign relations. But we
of Virginia, have felt sure that their
settlement would be along the lines
of the best interest of our nation and
people as long as they were entrusted
to at noble native of this city
Woodrow Wilson, president of the
United States.

But as the war has brought great

problems to the editorial sanctum it
has laid upon the desk of the pub-
lisher even greater ones and it is to
this particular portion of the news-
paper man's responsibility that I
wish to address myself.

Perhaps at no time within the past
decade has the outlook for the Vir-
ginia publisher from financial stand-
point been less assuring than at pre-
sent. At every step he is confronted
with an increased expense account
while there has been no material in-
crease in his revenues. He is now just
recovering from the depression of
1914 when the war commenced and
the increase of 30 per cent in adver-
tising revenues reported at the meet-
ing of the American Publisher's As-
sociation would not hold true in Vir-
ginia. While circulation figures show
some slight advances this has been
caused by the demand for war news
and at the present price of paper has
not been profitable to the publisher.

The cost of paper has been the
greatest item to be considered by
the publisher and the condition of
the paper market today is such as to
cause alarm although not the panic
situation in which some newspaper
men find themselves. Within the last
thirty days I have had interviews
with the principal paper manufactur-
ers in this country in my official
capacity as representative of the De-
partment of Commerce in its invest-
igation of the export paper situa-
tion and I bring to you some little
encouraging news of the compara-
tively short duration of the present
condition.

A year ago the Virginia publisher
was paying from 2 to 2 3/4 cents per
pound for his news print according
to the amount of his yearly purchases.
Today it is impossible to make a
contract and the price ranges from 4
to 6 cents per pound for immediate
delivery.

While the latter figure is of course
not justified there is good reason for
a heavy increase in the price of
paper. There has been an abnormal
domestic demand caused by the in-
crease of circulation of the big Metro-
politan papers and heavy increases
of advertising in the large cities; the
importations of wood pulp from
Scandinavian points has been entire-
ly discontinued on account of the war;
Canada has placed an embargo on
the shipment of paper or pulp to this
country; the world is looking to us
to supply her paper needs and is in-
sistently crying for help; there have
been heavy increases in wages, while
every article that goes into the mak-
ing of paper has risen in price some-
of the chemicals which were former-
ly imported from Germany having
increased a hundred fold.

But every day, the production is
being increased, mills are working to
capacity and new mills are under
construction. With in a few months
the situation will improve and when
the war is over conditions will ap-
proach normal. While I do not think
that we will ever have paper as we
once had it in this country two years
ago I do believe that at a price of
\$2.25 per 100 pounds at the mill the
manufacturer will make a fair profit
and the cost will not be excessive to
the publisher. But to get this price
there must be organization and I
suggest that a permanent committee
be named from this association who
will undertake to see that the Vir-
ginia publisher gets his paper supply
at a fair and reasonable price.

With paper at any where near its
present price, type metals soaring
above all previous quotations, inks
showing an advance of fifty per cent
and labor insistent for more money
with which to meet the constantly in-
creasing cost of living, the publisher
is confronted with finding more busi-
ness, increasing his prices or closing
down. I cannot see the prospect of
enough new business in the near fu-
ture in Virginia to meet the increased
expenses and therefore the conclu-
sion that I reach is that the present
business must pay a higher tariff.
Subscription rates must be raised and
the delinquent must be given a short
shift. Circulation must be cut down
as nearly as possible to the actual
number of paid subscribers. The ex-
change list must be pruned and while
I do not advocate the policy of one
great Virginia newspaper in cutting
off its country exchanges there can
be a reform in the number of ex-
changes without great harm to those
interested. Some papers will find it
possible to use a lighter weight of
stock, reduce their margins or cut
down the number of papers, all with
the object of reducing the amount of
paper used.

Advertising rates must be raised

KAISER GOES TO EAST FRONT

Leaves Western Theatre to
Observe Combat With
Slavs

DRIVING TO GALICIA

Attacks in Southern Volhynia Repul-
ed, According to Statement of Ger-
man Headquarters

Berlin, July 25.—Emperor Wil-
liam, it is officially announced, has
moved from the western to the eastern
theatre of the war, accompanied
by the chief of the General Staff of
the Army in the field.

Further attacks by the Russians
in strong force have been made of
the Teutonic lines northwest of Ber-
estechk, in Southern Volhynia, near
the Galician border, the War Office
announced. The Russian efforts to
advance, however, were completely re-
pulsed.

The statement dealing with opera-
tions on the eastern front is as fol-
lows:

"On the northern section of the
front and with General Count von
Bothmer's army, there have been
only patrol engagements.

"Northwest of Berestechk, strong
attacks by the Russians were com-
pletely repulsed."

Petrograd, July 25.—An official
statement issued today says that on
the Russian front the Germans have
been dislodged from another posi-
tion along the River Lipa. The
statement follows:

"On the Lipa Sunday we dislodged
the Germans from the village of
Galietchine and took some prisoners
and on machine gun. On July 21,
near the village of Kolmoff, on the
Lipa, an Austrian company, 193
strong, surrendered to our troops."

CRUISER BREAKS THROUGH

Berlin, July 25.—The Turkish
cruiser Midilli succeeded in break-
ing safely through a strong line of
Russian sea forces south of Sebas-
topol, and returned to her base after
a four hours' engagement, according
to an official statement from Con-
stantinople today. The Russian
fleet included a warship of the Em-
press Mary type and four destroy-
ers. The Midilli is undamaged.

Hard Shelled Crabs at the Ram-
ell Cafe, Royal Street.

and the free notice abolished. Payment
must be made for every inch of space
used. There can be no exceptions,
churches, fraternal organizations,
must help you to bear your burden.

Every economy must be practiced
and every effort made to put the Vir-
ginia printing shops on an efficiency
basis where the latest labor saving
devices may be used and the costs of
production cut to a minimum. And in
this connection may I suggest to
every Virginia publisher that if he
has not already done so, he purchase
a baling machine so as to bale his
waste paper, keep the shop neat and
clean, set an example of the neces-
sity of saving paper to the community
and incidentally pay a handsome di-
vidend upon the cost of the machine.

I desire to take this opportunity
to express to my brethren and sisters
of the fraternity my keen apprecia-
tion of their many courtesies to me
since I have been their midst and the
deep regret that have to be away
from them for some time in the fu-
ture. I am laying aside the editorial
pen for a year or so and while I will
retain my interest in the Gazette I
will be compelled to be in fields far
away from you, too far to hear your
kindly voices and see your cordial
smiles, but not too far I hope to be
out of your memory or to lose the
place I have always felt that I had
in your hearts. I will carry away
with me the most kindly recollections
of every one of you and hope that in
the near future I will be able to again
join your ranks and wear the proud
title a man can hope to wear—
a Virginia editor.

DANISH WEST INDIES United States Negotiating Treaty for Purchase of Islands.

Copenhagen, July 25.—A treaty for
the purchase of the Danish West
Indies by the United States has been
negotiated between the governments
of Denmark and the United States,
and in the near future it is to be
submitted to the Senate and House
of the United States and to the two
houses of the Danish parliament for
approval, according to information
given in Copenhagen by the high-
est authority.

If the treaty is ratified as it stands
in "project" form, the United States
will pay for the islands \$25,000,000,
and in addition will relinquish to
Denmark the rights of the United
States in Greenland. Greenland is a
Danish possession, and the rights
which the United States will aban-
don are merely rights of discovery,
the scope of which is ill-defined.

The United States will obtain from
Denmark full possession of the is-
lands of St. Thomas, St. John and
St. Croix, or Santa Cruz, as it is
better known. These islands lie about
50 miles off the east coast of Porto
Rico. They are 142 miles square in
area and support a population of
27,000 persons. Nearly all the in-
habitants of the islands are negroes,
who live by the cultivation of cane
sugar.

VIRGINIA NEWS

The body of the five-year-old son
of Lucian Randall, manager of the
farm of J. P. Leachman, treasurer of
Prince William county, was found
Sunday afternoon where it had wash-
ed ashore in the woods of Compton
farm, more than a mile from the
bridge over Broad run at Bristow
station, near which he was drowned.
The lad had thought it great sport to
ride a horse to water. At noon Saturday,
when the men came in from the corn-
field, he rode proudly to the run. His
father, following a short distance
behind, arrived in time to see the
horse floating down the swollen stream
and the child nowhere in sight. His
cries, as he was washed from the
horse's back, brought others to the
scene, but the small body disappeared.

Speeding to answer an emergency
call a short distance outside of Nor-
folk, Dr. S. W. Hammond was proba-
bly fatally injured and the physician's
personal friend, W. W. Crumm, who
agreed to give him a lift on his motor-
cycle, was dangerously wounded Sun-
day afternoon, when the machine the
two men were riding collided with a
rapidly-moving suburban trolley car
at a grade crossing. Dr. Hammond
sustained a fracture at the base of
the skull, and the attending surgeons
declare death is inevitable. Crumm
is internally injured, but probably will
recover. Dr. Hammond received a
hurry call to a fifteen-year-old boy,
who had taken poison. It seems that
the youth became angry when his
father declined to give him some
money, and drank the poison. He will
die.

LETS BATHERS DROWN

Harding Cries For Help, But On-
lookers Fear Maneaters.

New York, July 25.—Not sharks,
but the fear of sharks, caused the
death of a man yesterday in the
Shrewsbury river, near Atlantic-
Highlands, N. J.

Samuel Harding, 35, of Newark
went swimming off Grevelly Point,
and was not far from the shore when
some strong swimmers, were on the
beach, and two or three young men
ran toward the water with the inten-
tion of going to the rescue.

But some one shouted: "Sharks! A
shark's got him! Don't go in; there
are sharks there!"

The neighborhood has been so
worked up over recent killings by
sharks that this was the first thing
some thought of. So the young men
saw Harding go down three times
without offering him any aid.

About twenty minutes later his
body was brought up by an oyster-
man's rake. It was not marked, so
the shark scare had been mere hys-
teria.

Just arrived a fresh supply of
Crabs Clams, and Oysters. Call or
Telephone and orders will be given
prompt attention. Ramell Cafe S.
Royal Street.

SEES VICTORY IN FEW MONTHS

Lloyd-George Tells Com-
mons British Resources
Will Win

ASKS FOR A BILLION

Great Britain's Expenses Since Begin-
ning of the War Total About \$14-
260,000,000

London, July 25.—"British resource
fulness and British intelligence are
going to snatch victory in a few
months," was the statement made
in the House of Commons yesterday
afternoon by David Lloyd-George
the successor of Field Marshall Earl
Kitchener at the head of the War
Office, in replying to a criticism made
by Winston Spencer Churchill of Pre-
mier Asquith for not reviewing the
war situation when the Premier ask-
ed for a new war credit of \$2,250,000-
000.

"The prospects are good," the
War Secretary said. "Our generals
are more than satisfied and proud
of the valor of our men they are
leading. Great as the British in-
fantry was in Wellington's and Na-
poleon's day, they never have been
greater than now."

"One thrills with pride when one
thinks one belongs to the same race.
They are pressing back the formid-
able foe who devoted his best brains
to the study of war for generations.
I feel confident that victory is assur-
ed to us."

"Numbers and all other resources
are on our side. There was only one
fear—that years of training and
thought on the part of a great mili-
tary power might be insuperable. Our
men demonstrated that it is not so
and that British resourcefulness and
intelligence are going, as in fields of
commerce in the past, when they
have been able to snatch victory out
of what appeared to be complete
commercial disaster to snatch victory
again in a few months from what ap-
peared at one moment to be some-
thing that was invincible."

"There is no doubt at all that the
lesson of this battle is that we have
simply to press on with all our re-
sources and with the material at
command and victory will be ours."

GIRL DIES IN BUGGY

Man Takes Girl to Hospital, Saying
She Had Fainted While on Ride

Olney, Ill., July 25.—Roy Hinter-
liter, son of well-to-do residents of
Olney, is under arrest following the
death of sixteen-year-old Elizabeth
Ratchliffe, of Paoli, Ind. The girl
has been visiting her sister, Mrs.
Albert Fancher, of Olney, for about
ten months. She and Hinterliter had
been much together during all that
time, it is said.

Late last Friday night Hinterlit-
er drove up to the local hospital in
a buggy. He said Miss Ratchliffe had
fainted in the buggy and that he had
not been able to revive her. The
girl was taken into the hospital by
the attendants, but she was dead,
though they worked over her for
several hours in a hopeless effort to
revive her.

It became apparent that she was
in a delicate condition, but an au-
topsy, it is said, gave no evidence
that medicine had been administered
or that an illegal operation had been
attempted.

State Attorney Morris has refus-
ed to admit Hinterliter to bail.

J. D. Knight, of this city, has been
awarded the contract for making cer-
tain alterations in St. Rita's Church
Alexandria county.

The Willard W. C. T. U., will
meet tomorrow afternoon at 3
o'clock in Trinity M. E. Church.

EXCURSION TO ASHEVILLE and
other North Carolina points advertis-
ed for July 28, is hereby cancelled due
to recent flood conditions in that sec-
tion. Southern Railway.

THE DEUTSCHLAND.

German Submarine Still Lying in
Baltimore Dock.

Baltimore, July 25.—A little patch
of green visible through a driving
rain told watchers today that the
German sub-sea freighter Deutsch-
land, was still there.

What had prevented her from
heading for the capes overnight, as
apparently planned, was more mys-
terious than all the mysterious mov-
es, "dope dreams," and theories con-
nected with this submarine venture.

Moves at her dock overnight made
it seem certain—at least more cer-
tain than ever before—that she was
going out.

But after the first maneuvers of
the early night calm settled over the
pier, the tug Timmins only occasion-
ally flashed her searchlight out into
the storm, and the Necker and
Deutschland crews attended divine
service and then a banquet aboard
the Necker.

Strangely enough, the Timmins
early today remained at the edge of
the log boom, which guards the
Deutschland, Heretofore, she had
ducked back behind the cordon of
barges at about 6 a. m., after com-
pleting her searchlight vigil.

All that is needed for a dash is
to open the front of the boom, sneak
out one barge, throw a tow line to
the Deutschland and turn into the
middle branch of the Patapsco.

Manifestly, the submarine is ready
in over sense of the word for a quick
get-away.

Whether the promoters of the new
submarine line actually fear for the
Deutschland's sister ship, the Bremen,
is something they alone know.

It appeared likely today, however,
that they have little or no informa-
tion as to her course. The most like-
ly thing seemed to be that the
Deutschland will go down to the cap-
es and lie there in wait for her, un-
less indeed she is taking a north-
erly course toward Boston, thereby
drawing away the allied patrol from
the capes and permitting easier
egress for the Deutschland.

SOCIALISTS WORK FOR PEACE

Three Organizations of United States
Join With Those of Belligerent
Nations

That three great socialistic organi-
zations of the United States are work-
ing hand in hand with the socialistic
organizations of all the belligerent
countries for peace has become known
in Paris.

Among the socialistic organizations
represented at the conference were
the Socialist Labor Party of the
United States, the Socialist Party of
America, and the German language
group of the Socialist Party of Amer-
ica, giving the socialists of the
United States the largest representa-
tion in the movement of any neu-
tral country. Several belligerent
countries were equally well repre-
sented.

In the appeal launched by the con-
gress to the socialists of the entire
world the following stand against a
"decisive victory" was taken:

"Your governments and your news-
papers tell you it is necessary to con-
tinue the war in order that it can be
made the last war that ever can hap-
pen. In this they are deceiving you.
War never has killed war. On the con-
trary, in exciting the sentiments and
the interests of revenge, war pre-
pares war; violence calls forth vio-
lence. There is but one means defini-
tely to prevent future wars, and that
is the conquest of government and
capitalistic property by the people
themselves. A durable peace will be
the fruit of triumphant socialism."

The order of the day, relative to
the immediate inauguration of a defi-
nite peace program and propaganda
closes as follows:

"It is therefore necessary for all
socialists to exercise the maximum
pressure on representatives in gov-
ernment. It will be necessary to
exact the immediate co-operation of
the government. It will be necessary
to exact the immediate co-operation
of the governments and the capitalists
with the socialistic party.

"It will be necessary to exact that
all parliamentarians vote from now
on against all war credits demanded
for the purpose of prolonging the war
and to demand at once an immediate
armistice."

The official statement by German
army headquarters, cabled from Ber-
lin, follows:

"It is now evident that the British
attacks reported yesterday against
the front from Thiepval to Guillemont
were made by parts of 11 British
divisions, several of which were hur-
ried from other fronts. The only ad-
vantage gained by the enemy on the
whole line not yet rectified by the
Germans is that he entered some
houses in Pozieres for which he paid
in extraordinarily heavy losses.

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ueval by a powerful counter-attack
by the Brandenburg Grenadiers, of
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DEVELOPED & HARD SHELL CRABS
AT JACOB BRILL'S FOOT KING ST.

HAIG READY FOR NEW ASSAULT

General Attack Will, it is
Expected Follow Bom-
bardment

OBTAIN MORE GROUND

Australian Soldiers Deal Terrible
Blows in Drives Recently Made
Upon Germans

London, July 25.—"The greater
part of Pozieres is now ours," re-
ported General Haig this morning in
an official statement.

He announced further that at no
point had the enemy succeeded in
counter-attacks in reaching a British
trench.

Today's Paris communique tells of
another advance by French troops.
South of Estres they carried "strongly
fortified block-houses," ejected the
Germans from nearby trenches, and
repulsed all counter-assaults.

London, July 15.—Last night re-
port from Gen. Sir Douglas Haig,
telling of heavy artillery action on
the British front in France, is gen-
erally interpreted here as meaning
that preparations are under way for
a new general assault against the
German positions.

While this bombardment has been
in progress, the infantry has made
further gains in Pozieres, where,
beyond the German third line, the
British straddle the important Bap-
pame highroad.

The heaviest fighting yesterday
was borne by the Australian corps,
veterans of a hundred battle fields
in Europe and Gallipoli. During the
night they inflicted severe losses on
the Germans, who delivered counter-
attacks on numerous sections of the
front, their blows being especially
heavy between Guillemont and the
high wood. Despite these attacks,
soldiers from the Antipodes made
further progress near the forest and
village.

The most extensive gain, however,
and one won against the most deter-
mined resistance was registered in
Pozieres, where house-to-house fight-
ing is going on. The British now hold
the larger part of the village, it is
officially announced, while in the
course of the fighting a number of
machine guns and some prisoners
have been captured.

The British are attacking on the
8-mile sector of the Picardy front
with more than 200,000 men, accord-
ing to estimates made by the Ger-
mans and reported from Berlin. The
official statement of the German
headquarters, while admitting the
British made gains in their attacks
on Saturday night and Sunday, state
that the German lines have now been
entirely "rectified" except for some
houses in Pozieres which the British
won at heavy cost and which they
still hold.

There were some minor actions of
a rather sharp character during the
night, and yesterday on the French
front, but no change of any extent
in the front.

The artillery fire along the entire
Picardy front has been terrific
throughout the day, and word of a
new general assault is momentarily
expected.

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